

# BAY OF ISLANDS ICE LOCKS THREE

## Big Floes Sweep Down Across the Gulf and Herring Laden Crafts Caught Before They Can Reach Clear Water.

According to a Curling, N. F., despatch, dated last evening, three fishing crafts, loaded with herring, bound this way, are frozen in at Bay of Islands, N. F., by ice floes from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and it is feared they will not be able to work free again until spring.

The crafts are schs. Georgie Campbell of this port, Hiram Lowell of Bucksport and the British sch. Francis Willard under charter to T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, owner of the Lowell.

The news is not wholly unexpected, for heavy ice has been making down the gulf for the past few days, according to advices received here yesterday.

The last time the vessels were caught on the Newfoundland coast was in 1912, although most of them succeeded in later getting to sea after forcing their way through the ice floes. The revenue cutters Gresham and Androscoggin were despatched to the scene, arriving there in record time as the crafts were getting underway.

According to advices received here, sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Al Evans, had a narrow escape from being frozen in, while on her way home. The Gardner put in at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., where during the night heavy sheet ice froze about the craft, for several hundred yards. The Canadian cutter Stanley arrived on the scene and succeeded in breaking her out and towed her through the straits to clear water.

## ONE OFF-SHORE ARRIVAL TO NOON

### Gill Netters Were Driven Back to Port Yesterday— Fresh Fish Very Scarce.

One off shore arrival was all that the morning brought forth, sch. Ingomar arriving from a haddocking trip with 40,000 pounds of mixed fish. The gill netters were unable to lift yesterday, those who ventured out, putting back on account of the heavy weather. All started out again this morning to get their gear.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ingomar, LeHave Bank, 40,000 lbs fresh fish.  
Sch. Jorgina, via Boston.  
Sch. Arkona, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.  
Sch. Priscilla Smith, haddocking.  
Sch. Juno, haddocking.  
Sch. Esther Gray, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.  
Sch. Russell, haddocking.  
Str. Jeanette, haddocking.  
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.  
Sch. Adeline, haddocking.  
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.  
Sch. Leonora Silveria, haddocking.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.  
Sch. Stranger, haddocking.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.  
Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums \$2.00; snappers, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$2.00.  
Hake, \$2.00.  
Pollock, \$2.00.

##### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.  
Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, 3 1-2c per lb.  
Fresh halibut, 18c per lb for white and 14c for gray.

## GOT MACKEREL ON GEORGES

Steamer Spray, one of the trawlers at T wharf, Boston, pulled up a large mackerel on trawl on Georges, Monday. The men weighed two and one-half pounds and was served for dinner the crew.

#### Old Retail Fulton Market Condems

Fish dealers who for nearly a century have been occupants of Fulton Market, N. Y., owned by the city, are vacating the premises because of its unsanitary condition, and because either food supplies are sold in suit, as the Board of Health has condemned the property. Walter Smith, Inc., the green turtle and rapin specialist, John J. Hanshaw, Elsworth Sprague, Howell, Blackman and a few small dealers still remain. How long they will do so is problematical.

Various reports are being continually as to the possible future of the market. Stories have been circulated that the structure will be demolished in a year or so; at all events the consensus of opinion is that the city of New York will not spend more money on the building. Three years ago, there was a plan for the structure, and temporary repairs were made. Since then the work has been rotting, the roof has been broken and everywhere the appearance of general decay. The board of aldermen appropriated money for necessary improvements, but the board of estimate withheld approval, as the market nets the city a heavy loss each year.

Stand holders believe that it will pay the city to make repairs and that dealers who gave up their stands located in nearby buildings and are doing a good business, which creates a demand for a market in that location.

#### Power of the Whale.

If the whale knew its own power it could easily destroy all the machinery which the art of man contrives for catching him. It would be necessary for him to swim on the surface in a straight line, and break the thickest rope, but instead on being struck by the harpoon obeys a natural instinct, which, for instance, betrays him to his death. Not having an air bladder, he can go to the lowest depth of the ocean, mistaking the harpoon for the hilt of a swordfish or a shark, he descends, this being the manner of freeing himself from these enemies who cannot bear the pressure of the deep ocean, and from descending ascending in small space he thrusts himself in the power of the whale.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

British sch. Metapedia from Halifax, N. F., with 1275 barrels herring arrived at Halifax, Monday.  
Sch. Catherine C. Burke sailed for Canso for the fishing ground, Monday.  
Sch. Senator Gardner from Port Hawkesbury, Monday.  
British sch. Ada D. Bishop arrived at Halifax from Burin, N. F., with 1020 barrels herring.

#### Portland Fishing News.

The schooner Lochinvar brought in the largest fare of fish Tuesday with 16,000 pounds in her holds taken out at the Henry Sargent Co. establishment. There were 10 arrivals in all the others being the Edmund H. Black with 8000, the Albert D. Willard with 10,000, and the Katie L. Palmer with 4000 unloading at Willard's, the sloops Pontiac and Parkhurst unloading at J. W. Trefethen Co.'s, the schs. Lochinvar, Dorcas with 4000, and Martha McLean with 4000 and the sloop Minerva with 1500 going to the Sargent company.

The schooner Topsail Girl prominent in the local fishing circles, has put in at Rockland with a fare of 10,000 pounds of fish.

#### Thinks There Was a Misunderstanding.

We believe there must have been a misunderstanding somewhere in the case of the Gloucester sch. Esperanto, which was recently ordered out of Shelburne Harbor by the Canadian patrol cruiser Petrel, says the Fishing Gazette editorially. Capt. Quinlan, the Gloucester skipper, claims that he had been anchored only 11 hours, while the Hague decision permits American vessels to lay up for 48 hours without reporting to the custom house. Either the captain of the Petrel was not familiar with the laws he is supposed to enforce, or the whole story has not been told.

#### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Although supplies still come in very scantily and market is therefore but lightly stocked of superior fish, dealers continue to show very little interest in fishstuffs, buying just to cover their most immediate needs.

We quote our local market for superior quality as follows: Medium codfish, \$30; pollock and haddock, \$22; and while we understand Ponce had been selling above our market, today's advices are less favorable, showing again a decline to our level.

Now that the holiday season is over and grinding will soon be in full swing on all sugar estates, we look forward for an improved demand and more satisfactory prices.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co., January 6.

#### The Salt Mackerel Market.

Says the Fishing Gazette: Domestic mackerel is said to be pretty well cleaned out of first hands. The demand just now is limited, and quotations are repeated.

Norway mackerel is in fair demand, while Irish is neglected. No supplies are available from Norway, and orders have to be filled entirely from stocks here. It is possible to buy No. 3's at a little less than last week's figures.

Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Shipments this week were, to Boston, 202 bbls. to New York, 44 bbls.

Liverpool, Jan. 10.—Fishing fair to good. Shipments this week were, to Boston, 446 bbls. to all other ports, 623 bbls. Count of shipments, 300-350 to a packed barrel.

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# ARETHUSA HAS BIGGEST TRIP

Small Lot of Halibut Brought  
52 Cts. Pound at T  
Wharf Today.

The arrivals of five beam trawlers  
one sailing craft saved T wharf  
a fish famine this morning. In  
they had 185,000 pounds which  
ped out some on the market of the

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Mor-  
sey, has the largest trip at the  
k, his haul being for 50,000 pounds.  
Others in are the steamers Bil-  
Foam, Breaker, Heroine and  
Sch. Avalon arrived at the  
k from this port with her fare of  
foundland frozen herring.

Wholesale prices at the opening of  
market were \$4 to \$4.65 a hun-  
d pounds for haddock, \$4.50 for  
e and \$3 for market cod, \$4 to \$6  
hake, \$4 for pollock. A small lot  
halibut sold at 52 cents a pound,  
highest price of the winter.

## Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

tr. Breaker, 28,000 haddock, 800

tr. Foam, 21,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

tr. Billow, 42,000 haddock, 4000

1000 lemon sole.

tr. Heroine, 23,000 haddock, 600

tr. Spray, 18,500 haddock, 300 cod,  
lemon sole.

Sch. Arethusa, 38,000 haddock, 3400  
8000 cusk.

haddock, \$4 to \$4.65 per cwt.; large  
\$4.50; market cod, \$3; hake, \$4 to  
pollock, \$4; halibut, 52 cents.

## Winter Fishery in Newfoundland

An item appeared in one of the  
foundland papers a few days ago  
reporting good winter fishing in the  
city of St. John's. We asked one  
our fish merchants what progress  
being made in winter fishing on  
the coast of Nova Scotia. He said  
very little except for the fresh fish  
ade. And this fact is not surpris-  
ing. Conditions on the Newfoundland  
east are much more favorable than  
with us, notwithstanding the fact  
that we are some degrees farther  
south. The reason why Newfound-  
land is developing a winter fishery is  
that there is a great supply of fish  
and they are nearer the shore. An-  
other thing is that there is not the  
same trouble along our coast, though  
we doubt the latter would not be an  
insurmountable barrier if the return  
of the fishermen with us were greater.

Halifax Maritime Merchant.

## One of Crew Astray.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt.  
well of this port engaged in the  
haddock fishery, arrived at  
Shelburne, N. S., Saturday, reporting  
that Joseph Mullin, one of the crew  
strayed from the craft on the day  
previous, according to a letter to the  
today.

## Herring Craft Fast in The Ice.

Four crafts are on their way home  
with Newfoundland herring cargoes,  
which with the crafts frozen in at  
the Bay of Islands, winds up the list  
for the season.

At Bonne Bay, all the fleet have  
cleared and have started for home.  
The crafts due to arrive here are  
schs. Senator Gardner and Atalanta,  
while schs. Regina and Elizabeth N.  
are on their way to Bucksport.

There is but little chance of sch.  
T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport and  
the Nova Scotia schooner Frances  
Williard, chartered with a cargo for  
Bucksport, getting free until spring.  
Sch. Georgie Campbell of this port is

hemmed in on the outer edge of the  
ice and with a south southeast wind,  
there is a chance that she may work  
clear. Unless the opportunity ar-  
rives, she will be obliged to remain  
there the remainder of the winter.

## JAN 24 Refused Request to Send Cutter.

An appeal has been made to the  
treasury department at Washington,  
through Congressman Gardner, to  
send a cutter to the Bay of Islands,  
N. F., to free the three imprisoned  
herring crafts which are held fast in  
the ice there, but the Congressman  
is finding it a much harder task than  
two years ago, when a similar re-  
quest was made to the department  
and two cutters were immediately  
dispatched to the scene. The de-  
partment has refused to detail a cut-  
ter on such a mission, but the navy  
department may send a tugboat, so  
the Congressman is informed ac-  
cording to morning advices from the  
capitol.

Fred L. Davis, owner of sch. Geor-  
gie Campbell, one of the ice-bound  
fleet, wired to Congressman Gardner,  
seeking to enlist the latter's support,  
while the Board of Trade through  
President Carroll, has made a simi-  
lar request of the Congressman in  
answer to an appeal from T. M.  
Nicholson, who has two crafts frozen  
in at the Bay of Islands.

The present instance is not the  
first of its kind in which American

vessels have been caught in the ice  
at Newfoundland and on each oc-  
casion the government has sent a  
cutter to the rescue.

## Won't Send Cutter.

Mr. Gardner took up the matter  
yesterday afternoon with Assistant  
Secretary Newton, but without suc-  
cess.

The Department is not willing to  
send a revenue cutter in the present  
instance as it takes the view that  
the New England coast would be  
inadequately protected if a cutter  
were sent to Newfoundland.

Congressman Gardner next appeal-  
ed to the Navy Department and re-  
quested that a sea-going tug be sent.  
Assistant Secretary Roosevelt has

taken the matter under advisement  
and will come to a decision today.  
The Department has a tug at New  
York harbor, and the Secretary is  
now investigating as to whether it  
would be suitable for the work or  
breaking the ice to release the im-  
prisoned vessels.

In the meanwhile, the owners are  
patiently awaiting the outcome of  
Secretary Roosevelt's endeavors.  
Latest advices from Newfoundland  
states that the situation is not chang-  
ed at the Bay of Islands and unless  
some relief is forthcoming, it looks  
very much as though the crafts will  
have to remain until spring.

## Jan 24 GILL NETTERS GOT A LIFT

## First Haul Since Last Tues- day Netted 40,000 Pounds Fresh Fish.

The gill netters lifted yesterday, it  
being the first time that they have  
hauled their gear since Tuesday.  
Catches ran small, however, the day's  
lift totalling about 40,000 pounds  
which were shipped to the Boston  
market.

Nothing in the off-shore line was in  
up to noon. A number of the shore  
fleet are tied up at their various  
wharves in the harbor.

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are:

Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 3500  
lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3800 lbs.  
fresh fish

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 800  
lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting,  
2100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1200  
lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 4000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4500 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 4500 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000  
lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 600 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 3000 lbs.  
fresh fish.

Sch. Rose, Standish, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, shore.

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## REGINA HAD A HARD PASSAGE

With her main gaff jumbo and all  
head sails badly damaged, and nearly  
all of her deckload of balled her-  
ring gone, sch. Regina arrived at  
North Sydney a week ago yesterday,  
en route for Bucksport, Maine, after  
a tempestuous voyage from Bonne  
Bay, N. F. It was one of the rough-  
est trips ever encountered by a fish-  
erman, and the skipper and each  
member of his crew were glad to reach  
the safe anchorage of North Sydney's  
sheltered harbor. The schooner is  
still in port effecting repairs and in-  
stalling the new sails ordered from  
Gloucester.

## Good Stocks.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Mor-  
rissey, that arrived at Boston yester-  
day from a haddocking trip, secured  
a fine stock of \$2047, while the crew  
shared \$40 clear.

Capt. Morrissey reports extremely  
rough weather, during the trip, which  
did not extend east of Shelburne.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin,  
another of the haddock fleet, secured  
a good stock this trip of \$2300, while  
the crew shared \$44 each.

## Made Good Returns.

The following dividends were re-  
cently paid out to shareholders: Sch.  
Delewana, Capt. Benjamin Cook,  
\$4100; Revenue, Capt. Forman Moss-  
man, \$3332; sch. Nobility, Capt. Hiram  
Ritcey, \$2848; sch. Falka, Capt.  
Charles Conrad, \$2188.—Lunenburg  
Progress and Enterprise.

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